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The Hon. Anne R. Kaiser, Chair House Ways and Means Committee Room 131, House Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 1259 Horse Racing – Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area Letter of Support

Dear Chairperson Kaiser and members of the Ways and Means Committee:

The County Executive and County Council of Cecil County unanimously support HB 1259 Horse Racing – Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area, which Has a hearing scheduled March 4, 2021.

It is our understanding that this legislation will provide \$1.3M for five consecutive years to the Fair Hill Improvement Fund to be used on the operation and maintenance of the physical facilities within the special events area of the Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area.

This Bill will enable Fair Hill's facilities to be improved so that the five - star horse racing facility can have the necessary improvements for world class horse racing, which will benefit the horse racing industry in the State and become an economic powerhouse for Cecil County and the State of Maryland.

The County Executive and Cecil County Council of Cecil County respectfully request that the Ways and Means Committee to consider a favorable report on HB 1259.

Sincerely;

Danielle Hornberger Cecil County Executive

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